
In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently and previously amended) A connector for liquids which comprises:
 - (a) an inner polymeric liner having two opposed flared ends and a centrally disposed bore therethrough, said inner liner extending throughout a length of said connector to form an all-polymeric passageway for said liquids, an inner wall of said inner liner at said flared ends forming a sealing surface;
 - (b) a bendable outer metallic sleeve having two opposed flared ends of similar geometry to said polymeric liner flared ends; and
 - (c) two outwardly facing threaded nuts, each of said nuts having a shelf which contactingly engages said opposed flared ends of said metallic sleeve.
2. (represented) The connector of claim 1 wherein said metallic sleeve further comprises
 - (a) a ribbed segment between said two opposed flared ends of said metallic sleeve.
3. (represented) The connector of claim 2 which further comprises
 - (a) two washers for sealing engagement with each interior end portion of said liner.
4. (original) The connector of claim 3 wherein
 - (a) said inner polymeric liner essentially conforms to said ribbed segment.
5. (currently and previously amended) A connector for liquids which comprises:
 - (a) an inner polymeric liner having two opposed flared ends and a centrally disposed bore therethrough, said inner liner extending throughout a length of said connector to form an all-polymeric passageway for said liquids, an inner wall of said inner liner at said flared ends forming a sealing surface;

- (b) a bendable outer metallic sleeve having two opposed flared ends of similar geometry to said polymeric liner flared ends and a plurality of ribs between said two opposed flared ends of said metallic sleeve; and
 - (c) two outwardly facing threaded nuts, each of said nuts having a shelf which contactingly engages said opposed flared ends of said metallic sleeve.
6. (original) The connector of claim 5 wherein
- (a) said inner polymeric liner essentially conforms to said ribbed segment.
7. (original) The connector of claim 6 which further comprises
- (a) two washers for sealing engagement with each interior end portion of said liner.
8. (currently and previously amended) A connector for liquids which comprises:
- (a) an inner polymeric liner having at least one flared end and a centrally disposed bore therethrough, said inner liner extending throughout a length of said connector to form an all-polymeric passageway for said liquids, an inner wall of said inner liner at said at least one flared end forming a sealing surface;
 - (b) a bendable outer metallic sleeve having at least one flared end of similar geometry to said at least one polymeric liner flared end; and
 - (c) at least one outwardly facing threaded nut, said nut having a shelf which contactingly engages said at least one flared end of said metallic sleeve.
9. (original) The connector of claim 8 wherein said metallic sleeve further comprises
- (a) a ribbed segment in said metallic sleeve.
10. (original) The connector of claim 9 which further comprises
- (a) at least one washer for sealing engagement at least one flared end interior end portion of said liner.
11. (original) The connector of claim 10 wherein
- (a) said inner polymeric liner essentially conforms to said ribbed segment.
12. (previously amended) A connector for liquids which comprises:

- (a) an inner polymeric liner having one flared end and an opposed integrally molded sealing end, said liner having a centrally disposed bore therethrough, and wherein said sealing end comprises
 - (i) a radially extending sealing surface from said liner, and
 - (ii) a shoulder which terminates the sealing surface, and wherein said bore of said sealing end is essentially the same as said bore of said liner,
 - (b) a bendable outer metallic sleeve having two opposed flared ends of similar geometry to each of said polymeric liner flared end and said shoulder of said sealing end; and
 - (c) two outwardly facing threaded nuts, each of said nuts having a shelf which contactingly engages said opposed flared ends of said metallic sleeve.
13. (original) The connector of claim 12 wherein said metallic sleeve further comprises
- (a) a ribbed segment between said two opposed flared ends of said metallic sleeve.
14. (original) The connector of claim 13 which further comprises
- (a) a washer for sealing engagement with an interior end portion of said liner at said flared end.
15. (original) The connector of claim 14 wherein
- (a) said inner polymeric liner essentially conforms to said ribbed segment.
16. (previously amended) A connector for liquids which comprises:
- (a) an inner polymeric liner having one flared end and an opposed integrally molded sealing end, said liner having a centrally disposed bore therethrough, and wherein said sealing end comprises
 - (i) a radially extending sealing surface from said liner, and
 - (ii) a shoulder which terminates the sealing surface, and wherein said bore of said sealing end is essentially the same as said bore of said liner,
 - (b) a bendable outer metallic sleeve having two opposed flared ends of similar geometry to each of said polymeric liner flared end and said shoulder of said

sealing end and a plurality of ribs between said two opposed flared ends of said metallic sleeve; and

(c) two outwardly facing threaded nuts, each of said nuts having a shelf which contactingly engages said opposed flared ends of said metallic sleeve.

17. (original) The connector of claim 16 wherein

(a) said inner polymeric liner essentially conforms to said ribbed segment.

18. (original) The connector of claim 17 which further comprises

(a) a washer for sealing engagement with an interior end portion of said liner at said flared end.

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